Online Direct Loan Entrance Counseling Via StudentLoans.gov Web Site

The following information applies when a borrower completes entrance counseling via the StudentLoans.gov Web site.

Types of Counseling

There is one counseling session; however, the material will be tailored to the borrower type selected during Step 1 of the online session.

If the borrower selects...	Then the entrance counseling will fulfill counseling requirements for...
"I am an undergraduate student."	Direct Subsidized and Direct Unsubsidized Loans only.
"I am a graduate/professional student."	Direct Subsidized and Direct Unsubsidized Loans as well as Direct PLUS Loans.

Note: Direct Loan Entrance Counseling does *not* fulfill the Federal Perkins Loan Program requirement for schools to provide students with certain information (similar to the information that is covered in Direct Loan Entrance Counseling) before making the first disbursement of a Perkins Loan. Schools must use other means to provide this information.

Acknowledgements

The COD System will send a system-generated Direct Loan Entrance Counseling Acknowledgement with a new document type of "EC" to the school's Student Aid Internet Gateway (SAIG) mailbox. The acknowledgement will be sent in the message class CRECMYOP, usually within 24 hours of the completed session.

The acknowledgement will indicate what type of counseling a borrower completed and when.

If the borrower completed entrance counseling and selected...	Then the school will receive a Direct Loan Entrance Counseling Acknowledgement with...
"I am an undergraduate student."	a <CounselingType> tag value of DLScounseling.
"I am a graduate/professional student."	a <CounselingType> tag value of DLPcounseling.

Reports

At this time, pre-formatted reports with entrance counseling information are not available to print or import into a school's system. Instead, as noted above, a school receives a system-generated acknowledgement with counseling information.

A school can also use the COD Web site's Counseling Search page to retrieve counseling information.

We are evaluating additional reporting capabilities as a future enhancement.